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Chowan preps for Dorian

Government agencies set up equipment, protocols
STAFF REPORTS

Area county and emergency management officials continued on Tuesday to prepare for Hurricane Dorian's arrival later this week, even as state officials said the storm isn't likely to drop the same type of rainfall on North Carolina that Hurricane Florence did last fall.

Hurricane Dorian was barely budging in a west-northwest direction late Monday afternoon after hammering the Bahamas with torrential rain and hurricane-force winds on Sunday, leaving at least five people dead in its wake.

Even though Dorian is currently forecast to stay off shore as it moves northward, forecasters have noted that a small change in its track could move it closer to the U.S. mainland. Anticipating heavy rainfall and strong winds

from Dorian, the National Hurricane Center has extended watches and warnings along the Florida and Georgia coasts, and states of emergency have been declared in those states as well as in South and North Carolina.

Pasquotank-Camden Emergency Management Coordinator Christy Saunders said in a post on the agency's Facebook page Monday that the local area may begin to feel Dorian's impacts Thursday night.

Rain will start sometime on Thursday and continue, at times with moderate to heavy effect, through much of Friday, she said. Between 4 inches and 8 inches of rain are possible, she added.

Winds from Dorian will generally gust between 35-45, Saunders said. However, if the storm tracks further north and west, the region could see gusts in excess of 60 mph.

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Tracking Hurricane Dorian



SOURCE: NOAA

Steamers join new league

Edenton team now part of Tidewater Summer League
SUBMITTED REPORT

The tradition of summer baseball in Edenton will carry on a bit closer to home, according to general manager Tyler Russell.

"The Edenton Steamers are excited to announce that we are joining the Tidewater Summer League Premier Division in 2020," he said in a press release. "This is a new chapter for the Steamers organization, and we are eager to see how it unfolds in the future."

"We would like to thank the Coastal Plain League for allowing us to be a part of their organization for the last 22 years. We have made many great memories in the CPL including three league championships, 130 players signing with a MLB organization, and 18 players reaching the MLB level. The Steamers look forward to continuing to bring affordable, family friendly, and quality baseball entertainment to the area for many years to come."

According to a press release, the TSL has a rich 70-plus year

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Steamers players named to All-CPL teams. — B1

PLAY TIME SMILES



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This photo from Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church should brighten everyone's day. Look 2-year-old Gracie's smile. Zack and Rachel O'Kelley are very blessed parents.

Sept. 11 service moves

Center Hill/Crossroads VFD will host annual ceremony
BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Sept. 11, 2001 — a day that will forever mark people's minds.

Leon Evans of Tyner wants people to never forget the day of the terrorist attacks.

Rather than hold the service at Evans' home, a 9/11 Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Sept. 11 at the Center Hill/Crossroads Volunteer Fire Station. The speaker will be Barry Overman. Justin Smith will provide patriotic music. Everyone is invited to attend.

"I just don't want people to forget about this tragedy and all the people that lost their lives," Evans said.

Overman retired in 2018 as deputy chief of operations after 30 years of service from the Elizabeth City Fire Department.

That same year, Overman was

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Candidates give pitches for COA job

State must approve board's pick before hire is official
STAFF REPORTS

Though Hurricane Dorian is on many people's minds this week, the matter of who will be the next president for College of the Albemarle remains.

By the middle of the month, COA's Board of Trustees will decide who will lead the school. After all the negotiations and contracts are completed, the board's choice must go to the state

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Firm to rebrand Peebles in downtown Edenton

Company remodeling building; Gordmans coming in April
STAFF REPORT

Signs in the windows at Peebles in downtown Edenton, note that the retail store is closing. But a different store, owned by Stage Stores, will take its place in the spring.

The company, which also owns Peebles, announced plans in March to convert approximately 220 department stores to its new off-price concept, Gordmans, by the middle of 2020.

By the end of 2020, the nearly 300 expected Gordmans locations are projected to represent almost 50 percent of Stage's total sales volume. As of March 7, the company operated 709 Bealls, Goody's, Palais Royal, Peebles and Stage specialty department



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Signs in the windows of Peebles in downtown Edenton note that the store is closing. Associates say the store will close later this year and be remodeled into a Gordmans, which will open in April.

stores, 87 Gordmans, as well as the stage.com e-commerce site.

During a reporter's visit to the store Monday, associates said they didn't know when

Peebles would close. Gordmans is expected to open in early April.

Gordmans operates similar to TJ Maxx, offering name-brand clothing and home decor at discounted prices.

"For the last few years, the off-price sector has seen tremendous growth despite the challenges that have faced traditional retailers," said Michael Glazer, Stage's president and CEO, in explaining the shift to analysts recently on a quarterly conference call.

The cost of conversion is about \$125,000 per store.

Stage acquired Gordmans out of bankruptcy proceedings in April 2017.

The off-price stores, when compared to its department stores, benefit from a higher penetration of outperforming non-apparel categories, such as home, toys and gifts.

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